

LGBTI Community Grant

Grant objective

Funded through Department of Premier and Cabinet, the program's objective is to strengthen and build the capacity of the LGBTI sector in Victoria.

Amount awarded to CDCH

\$76,140 over 2 years

What will CDCH achieve?

The overarching aim of this work is to improve the health and well-being of the LGBTIQ+ community in MAS. Specifically it will:

- Formalise a strategic plan to address the needs of LGBTIQ+ residents
- Create a network of community leaders who have the skills and ambition to sustainably self-govern and can work to expand their impact and reach
- Develop the capacity of the network and service providers to identify gaps in services and then advocate for addressing those gaps
- Strengthen awareness amongst LGBTIQ+ residents of the network, as well as local services that can improve their health and wellbeing.

What will CDCH do?

In the first year, the grant will be used to:

- identify gaps and needs and then consider ways to address these through community-wide workshops
- deliver subject matter training so partners and residents better understand the spectrum of LGBTIQ+ issues
- identify a smaller number of community leaders who can form a MAS LGBTIQ+ community network.
- produce a strategic plan that translates the community consultations into practical and tangible actions, to be overseen by the community network.

In year two, we will build on this foundational work by:

- providing training to network members in governance, financial management and fundraising. The aim is that this group will ultimately be auspiced by Castlemaine Community House.
- offering tailored training in, for example, how to engage LGBTIQ+ young people or socially isolated residents.
- Designing organisational marketing materials to promote the community network, developing a dedicated webpage and a searchable database for LGBTIQ+ relevant services.

Who is involved?

Alongside LGBTIQ+ community leaders, CDCH will work in partnership with:

- Castlemaine Community House (Martyn Shaddick, Manager)
- Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership (Emma Shannon, Integrated Health Promotion and Planning Manager)